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STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., MARCH 15TH, 2012 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 15th day of March, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

WHEREAS, *Florence Kirkner, fondly know by her friends as "Floss," is a resident of Orchard Park, the wife of the late Bruce Kirkner whom she met skiing, mother of two and a grandmother and great-grandmother; and*

WHEREAS, *Floss Kirkner began skiing as a child in Delaware Park, moving up to the hill at Chestnut Ridge Park and later joined Murray Hill Ski Club; and*

WHEREAS *Floss Kirkner graduated from Buffalo State College and worked as a physical education teacher in Westchester County; and*

WHEREAS, *Floss Kirkner is a 65 year member of the National Ski Patrol, joining in Westchester County after World War II, 10 years after the organization was founded, to provide rescue and emergency care on the slopes, and was the 84th woman in the country to receive a national appointment to the ski patrol; and*

WHEREAS, *Floss Kirkner, among her many accomplishments, has trained hundreds of ski patrollers and lifeguards, and she has taught a national course for avalanche rescue; and*

WHEREAS, *Floss Kirkner was awarded the Purple Star Award for performing rescue breathing on a man in the early 1960s who had collapsed in a lift line, saving his life; and*

WHEREAS, *Floss Kirkner joined the ski patrol at Glenwood Acres in 1963, prior to the slope merging with Kissing Bridge.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend Florence Kirkner for her 65 years of dedication as a National Ski Patrol member.*

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County